

REMARKS

We have carefully considered the Office Action dated November 24, 2008, in which claims 10-31 are allowed, claims 1-4, 8, 9, 32-34, 37, 38 and 40 are rejected and the remaining claims 5-7, 35, 36 and 39 are objected to as depending from rejected base claims. We thank the Examiner for an interview on February 10, 2009, in which the cited art and independent claims 1 and 32 were discussed. We also thank the Examiner for his consideration of the amendment of claim 1 and concurrence that claim 1, as amended, is allowable. In addition we thank the Examiner for his insights regarding independent claim 32 and the need for an additional search in order to fully consider that claim.

In response to the interview, we have amended claim 1 as discussed with the Examiner, and claim 1 and the claims that depend therefrom should now be in form for allowance. In addition, we have amended objected to claims 35 and 39, to incorporate the subject matter of the claims from which they depend. Accordingly, claims 35 and 39 and the claims that depend therefrom should now be in form for allowance. Further, we have filed a continuation application to pursue method claim 32 and other method claims, and we have cancelled claims 32-34, 37 and 38 from this application.

In light of the above, we ask that the Examiner enter the amendment and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims, as amended.

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